

26 April 2020

Global 2,856,015 cases 202,680 deaths 212 countries/territories/areas

HIGHLIGHTS

In the Region of the Americas, an additional 45,676 cases and 2,648 deaths were reported in the past 24 hours, bringing the regional total to 1,140,536 cases including 64,892 deaths – a 4% relative increase in both total cases and deaths compared to the previous day. Decreases in case count and death toll during the weekends should be interpreted with caution due to reporting delays or no new reports being published by some countries/territories in the region.

- Majority of the new cases (32,417) and deaths (1,964) continue to be reported from the United States of America, which represents 82% of all cases and deaths reported to date in the region.
- Other countries reporting significant increases in newly confirmed cases compared with the previous day are Brazil (5,514 additional cases, 10% increase), Peru (3,683 additional cases, 17% increase), Canada (1,425 additional cases, 3% increase), and Mexico (970 additional cases, 8% increase).
- Countries reporting the highest increase in new deaths (excluding the US) compared with the previous day are Brazil (346 new deaths, 9% increase), Canada (136 deaths, 6%), Mexico (84 deaths, 7%), and Peru (66 deaths, 10%)
- While the true fatality rate of COVID-19 will take some time to fully understand, the data we have so far indicate that the crude case-fatality rate (the number of reported deaths divided by the reported cases) in the region of the Americas as of 26 April is 5.5% (median country-specific estimate: 4.9%; range: 0.0–23.1%).
- The highest crude CFR% among the countries with more than 1,000 cumulative cases reported to date are Mexico (9.5%), Ecuador (7.2%), Brazil (6.9%) and Puerto Rico (6.1%). See table 1

COVID-19 in Prisons – Many clusters and deaths caused by COVID-19 have been documented in prisons worldwide including the United States. According to the [NYTimes](#), this has prompted many governments to release hundreds of thousands of inmates to stop the outbreak. In Mid-March, Iran temporarily released approximately 85,000 detainees, Turkey passed a law authorizing the temporary release of 45,000 prisoners in April, Brazil and Indonesia has released at least 30,000 prisoners each, and the US has released thousands of prisoners including some migrants to help curb the spread of the outbreak.

In the US, prison related COVID-19 cases have been documented in the states of Ohio and Arkansas, the meatpacking plant in South Dakota, the aircraft carrier docked in Guam, and a jail in Chicago. Just in two prisons alone in Ohio, over 3,700 inmates tested positive for the virus and 12 inmates have died ([NPR](#)).

In other countries such as Brazil and Colombia, prisoner rebellions calling attention to previously existing health care issues exacerbated by COVID-19 have been reported by the media. Brazil has the world’s third largest prison population, behind the United States and China, according to the [World Prison Brief](#). Overcapacity average in Brazilian prisons is 168 percent. [World Prison Brief](#)

At least 125 countries hold more prisoners than their correctional systems were designed for, including 20 that have more than two times the number of inmates they’re equipped to secure. [World Prison Brief](#)

PAHO

1,140,536 (+4%)
Cases*

64,892 (+4%)
deaths*

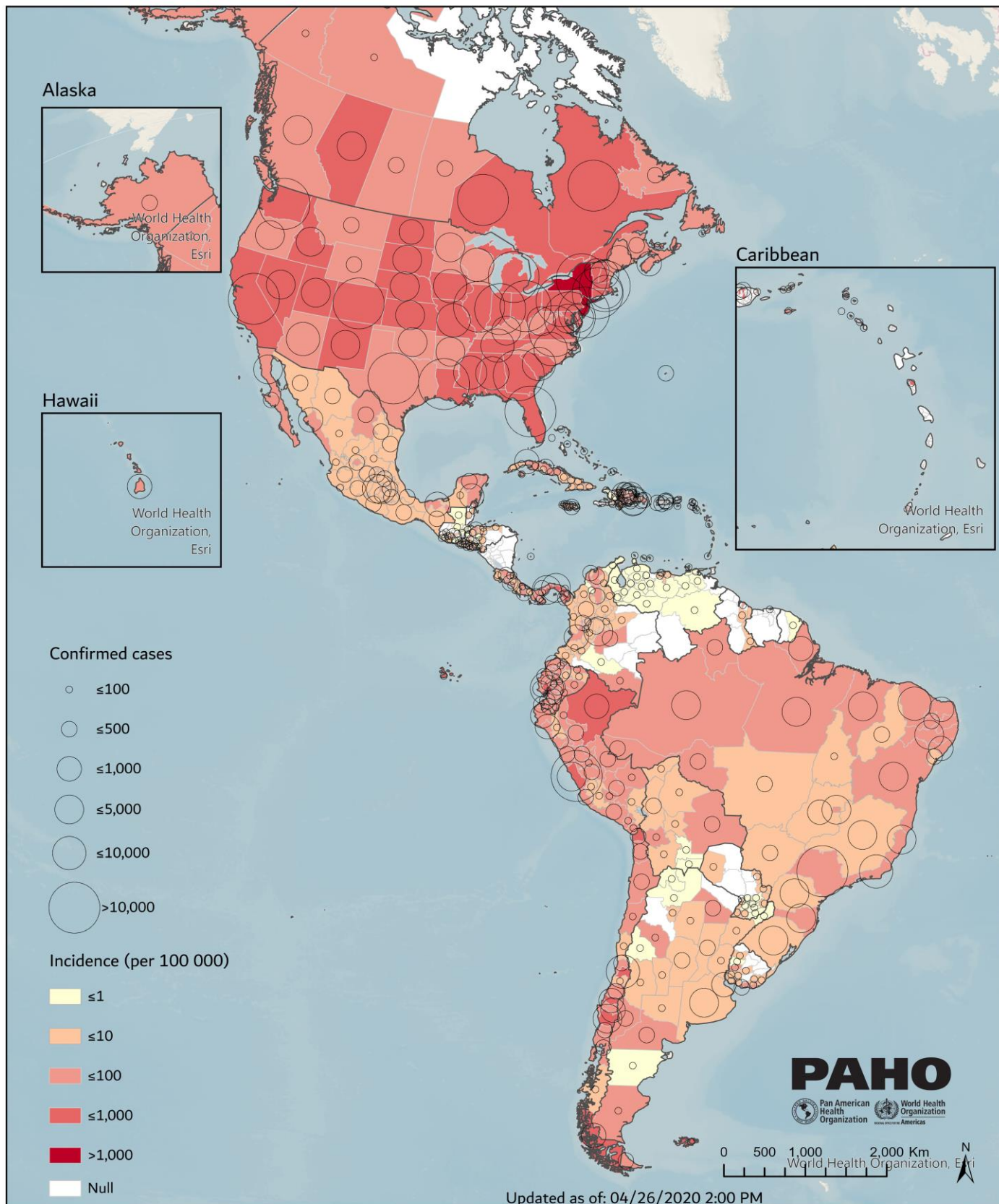
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Countries/areas/territories

* Total includes both confirmed and probable for Ecuador (deaths), Canada (cases), Puerto Rico (deaths) and the US (probable deaths in NYC)

Table 1: Cumulative cases, deaths & crude case fatality rate (CFR%) among PAHO countries/territories with ≥ 1,000 cumulative cases.

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths	CFR(%)
United States	931,698	53,289	5.7%
Brazil	58,509	4,016	6.9%
Canada	45,791	2,489	5.4%
Peru	25,331	700	2.8%
Ecuador	22,719	1,636	7.2%
Mexico	13,842	1,305	9.4%
Chile	13,331	189	1.4%
Subtotal	7,660	252	3.3%
Dominican Republic	6,135	278	4.5%
Panama	5,538	159	2.9%
Colombia	5,142	233	4.5%
Argentina	3,838	179	4.7%
Puerto Rico	1,371	84	6.1%
Cuba	1,369	54	3.9%

Map 1. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory. As of 26 April 2020



Data Sources: Member States Ministries of Health
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Cumulative confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 26 April 2020

Updated as of 2 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases		Deaths		Recovered*	% Relative Increase in Confirmed Cases	Transmission Type
		Confirmed	Probable	Confirmed	Probable			
North America	Canada	45,778	13	2,489		15,963	3%	Community transmission
	Mexico	13,842		1,305		1,409	8%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the) ††	931,698		47,980	5,309	90,445	4%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	991,318	13	51,774	5,309	107,817	4%	
Central America	Belize	18		2		5	0%	Sporadic cases
	Costa Rica	693		6		242	1%	Clusters of cases
	El Salvador	298		8		83	9%	Clusters of cases
	Guatemala	473		15		45	10%	Clusters of cases
	Honduras	627		59		65	6%	Clusters of cases
	Nicaragua	13		3		7	18%	Undetermined
	Panama	5,538		159		338	4%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	7,660	0	252	0	785	4%	
South America	Argentina	3,838		179		1,030	4%	Community transmission
	Bolivia	866		46		74	7%	Clusters of cases
	Brazil	58,509		4,016		27,655	10%	Community transmission
	Chile	13,331		189		7,024	0.04	Community transmission
	Colombia	5,142		233		1067	5%	Community transmission
	Ecuador§††	22,719		576	1,060	1,366	0%	Community transmission
	Paraguay	228		9		85	2%	Community transmission
	Peru¶	25,331		700		7,422	17%	Community transmission
	Uruguay	596		14		369	6%	Clusters of cases
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	323		10		128	2%	Clusters of cases
Subtotal	130,883	0	5,972	1,060	46,220	8%		
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla	3				1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda	24		3		10	0%	Clusters of cases
	Aruba	100		2		73	0%	Clusters of cases
	Bahamas (the)	78		11		15	8%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados	79		6		32	3%	Clusters of cases
	Bermuda	109		5		39	10%	Clusters of cases
	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba	5					0%	Sporadic cases
	Cayman Islands	70		1		8	0%	Clusters of cases
	Cuba	1,369		54		501	2%	Clusters of cases
	Curacao	14	2	1		11	0%	Sporadic cases
	Dominica	16				13	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)	6,135		278		910	4%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the) [Malvinas]	13				11	0%	Clusters of cases
	French Guiana	109		1		87	0%	Clusters of cases
	Grenada	18				7	20%	Clusters of cases
	Guadeloupe	149		13		95	0%	Clusters of cases
	Guyana	74		8		12	1%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti	72		6		6	0%	Clusters of cases
	Jamaica	305		7		28	6%	Clusters of cases
	Martinique	175		14		77	3%	Clusters of cases
	Montserrat	11		1		2	0%	Sporadic cases
	Puerto Rico **	1,371		53	31			Clusters of cases
	Saint Barthelemy	6				6	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	15				1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia	15				15	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Martin	38		3		24	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	1					0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	14				5	0%	Sporadic cases
	Sint Maarten	74	1	13		22	1%	Clusters of cases
	Suriname	10		1		7	0%	Sporadic cases
Trinidad and Tobago	115		8		53	0%	Sporadic cases	
Turks and Caicos	11		1		4	0%	Sporadic cases	
Virgin Islands (UK)	6		1		2	0%	Sporadic cases	
Virgin Islands (US)	55		3		51	0%	Clusters of cases	
Subtotal	10,659	3	494	31	2,128	4%		
Total	1,140,520	16	58,492	6,400	156,950	4%		

*Recovered counts as indicated by reporting Member States

†Data reported by state/district/territory public health authorities. Confirmed case and death totals may include a small proportion of probable cases and deaths due to differences in reporting. Excludes counts for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands

‡Probable deaths are those reported and defined by New York City, available at <https://on.nyc.gov/2RloJdU>

§Probable deaths as defined by the Ecuador Ministry of Public Health, available at: <https://bit.ly/2RZtqjR>

††A request has been sent to the Ecuador IHR National Focal Point to clarify the large increase

¶Total confirmed cases reported as per Peru Ministry of Health, of which 11,845 cases tested positive by RT-PCR and the remaining 13,486 cases tested positive by rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs); however, to date, these RDTs are not recommended for use by WHO

|| Confirmed case counts for Puerto Rico have been revised by the Puerto Rico Department of Health (DoH) since the previous report. Of the total confirmed cases reported by the Puerto Rico DoH, 871 tested positive by RT-PCR and the remaining 405 cases tested positive by serological tests.

**Confirmed deaths have been readjusted from previous day to correct for probable deaths. Probable deaths as defined by the Puerto Rico DoH, available at: <https://bit.ly/2WvksQ>

Note: WHO recommends using the following categories to describe transmission patterns at national and sub-national levels (wherever possible) to guide decisions for

Category number	Category name	Definition
1	No cases	Countries/territories/areas with no cases
2	Sporadic cases	Countries/territories/areas with one or more cases, imported or locally detected
3	Clusters of cases	Countries/territories/areas experiencing cases, clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures
4	Community transmission	Countries/area/territories experiencing larger outbreaks of local transmission defined through an assessment of factors including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large numbers of cases not linkable to transmission chains - Large numbers of cases from sentinel lab surveillance - Multiple unrelated clusters in several areas of the country/territory/area